

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 945**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly**

February 18, 2011

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An act to add Section 14215.5 to the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 945, as introduced, Donnelly. Elections: voter identification.

Existing law requires that a person desiring to vote announce his or her name and address to the precinct board member at the polling place and then write the information in the index, except for specified exceptions.

This bill would require a person desiring to vote to produce and show a valid form of state-issued photographic identification to the precinct worker at the polling place.

Because this bill would increase the duties of local elections officials regarding conducting elections, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14215.5 is added to the Elections Code,  
2     to read:  
3     14215.5. A person desiring to vote shall first produce and show  
4     to the precinct worker at the polling place a valid, state-issued  
5     form of photographic identification.  
6     SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
7     this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
8     local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
9     pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
10    4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.